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1. EMBASSY DELIVERED FOLLOWING LETTER TO SHANNON,
EXTAFF 7/27/76:

2. QUOTE THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT ON MAY 28
REGARDING AGREEMENTS FOR THE SUPPLY AND PURCHASE OF WHEAT
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA AND ALGERIA IS CAUSING
THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SOME CONCERN.

3. QUOTE ALTHOUGH THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT CONSULTED WITH
OTHER COMMERICAL SUPPLIERS IN JULY, 1972 ON THE FIVE YEAR
CONCESSIONAL AGREEMENT, WE BELIEVE THAT CONSULTATIONS
ON THIS REVISION SHOULD HAVE TAKEN PLACE. WE NOTE THAT
ALGERIA'S ANNUAL COMMERICAL WHEAT IMPORTS NOW
AVERAGE IN EXCESS OF ONE MILLION TONS COMPARED
WITH THE USUAL MARKETING REQUIREMENT (UMR) OF
500,000 TONS ESTABLISHED IN 1972.

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4. QUOTE WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENT AS TO THE

POSSIBILITY OF THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT'S UNDERTAKING
CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER SUPPLIERS NOW. WE ALSO WISH TO
ASK IF STEPS CAN BE TAKEN TO AMEND THESE AGREEMENTS TO
ADJUST THE UMR TO A LEVEL THAT MORE NEARLY REFLECTS THE
RECENT COMMERCIAL IMPORT LEVEL. UNQUOTE
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